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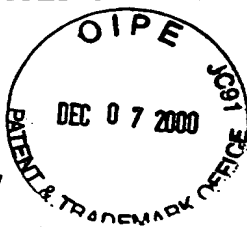
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For: **Jak Kinases and Regulation of  
Cytokine Signal Transduction**



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**Reply To Restriction Requirement**

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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated November 7, 2000, requesting an election of one invention to prosecute in the above-referenced patent application, Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, to prosecute the invention of Group I, represented by claims 26, 28-31, 35-43 and 45-52. This election is made without prejudice to or disclaimer of the other claims or inventions disclosed.

It is not believed that extensions of time are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in accompanying documents. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

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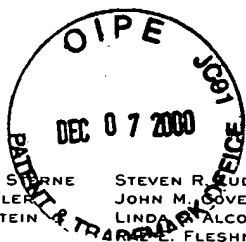
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Transmittal Letter (*in duplicate*);
2. Reply To Restriction Requirement; and
3. Return postcard.

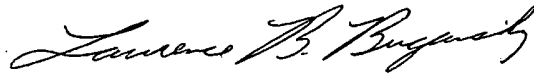
It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

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